

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S12017–S12063*

**Measures Introduced:** Seven bills were introduced, as follows: S. 1729–1735. **Pages S12054–55**

#### Measures Reported:

H.R. 2559, to amend chapter 90 of title 5, United States Code, relating to Federal long-term care insurance.

S. 1271, to amend chapter 35 of title 44, United States Code, for the purpose of facilitating compliance by small business concerns with certain Federal paperwork requirements, to establish a task force to examine the feasibility of streamlining paperwork requirements applicable to small business concerns, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 1729, to provide assistance with respect to the mental health needs of individuals affected by the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001.

S. 1731, to strengthen the safety net for agricultural producers, to enhance resource conservation and rural development, to provide for farm credit, agricultural research, nutrition, and related programs, to ensure consumers abundant food and fiber.

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#### Measures Passed:

**Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Compliance Extension:** Committee on Finance was discharged from further consideration of S. 1684, to provide a 1-year extension of the date for compliance by certain covered entities with the administrative simplification standards for electronic transactions and code sets issued in accordance with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, and the bill was then passed. **Pages S12059–60**

**Comprehensive Retirement Security and Pension Reform Act:** Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 10, to provide for pension reform. **Pages S12036–43**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the motion to proceed to the consideration of the bill and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on the cloture motion will occur on Thursday, November 29, 2001. **Page S12036**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the motion to

proceed to consideration of H.R. 10 (listed above) at 10:30 a.m., on Wednesday, November 28, 2001.

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#### Measures Indefinitely Postponed:

**Rules Committee Expenditure Authorization:** S. Res. 39, authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Rules and Administration. **Page S12059**

#### Appointments:

**Medal of Valor Review Board:** The Chair announced, on behalf of the Majority Leader, pursuant to Public Law 107–12, the appointment of the following individuals to serve as members of the Medal of Valor Review Board: David E. Demag, of Vermont, and Thomas J. Scotto, of New York.

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**Medal of Valor Review Board:** The Chair announced, on behalf of the Republican Leader, pursuant to Public Law 107–12, the appointment of the following individuals to serve as members of the Medal of Valor Review Board: Michael D. Branham, of Arizona, and Jimmy Houston, of Mississippi.

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**Executive Reports of Committees:** Senate received the following executive report of a committee:

Report to accompany the International Convention for the Suppression of Terrorist Bombings (Treaty Doc. 106–6), and the International Convention for the Suppression of the Financing of Terrorism (Treaty Doc. 106–49) (Exec. Rept. No. 107–2)

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**Nominations Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nominations:

William Baxter, of Tennessee, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority for the term expiring May 18, 2002 and for the term expiring May 18, 2011. **Page S12063**

Prior to the consideration of this nomination, Senate took the following action:

By a unanimous vote of 95 yeas (Vote No. 342), Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination of William Baxter, of Tennessee, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority.

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**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

JoAnn Johnson, of Iowa, to be a Member of the National Credit Union Administration Board for a term expiring August 2, 2007.

Diane Leneghan Tomb, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

Sean O'Keefe, of New York, to be Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

Donna Jean Hrinak, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Federative Republic of Brazil.

Francis Joseph Ricciardone, Jr., of New Hampshire, to be Ambassador of the United States of America to the Republic of the Philippines and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Republic of Palau.

Eni F.H. Faleomavaega, of American Samoa, to be a Representative of the United States of America to the Fifty-sixth Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

Steven Joseph Chabot, of Ohio, to be a Representative of the United States of America to the Fifty-sixth Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

Roger P. Winter, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development.

Frederick W. Schieck, of Virginia, to be Deputy Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development.

Naomi Churchill Earp, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission for a term expiring July 1, 2005.

Michael Hammond, of Texas, to be Chairperson of the National Endowment for the Arts for a term of four years.

Lawrence A. Greenfeld, of Maryland, to be Director of the Bureau of Justice Statistics.

Routine lists in the Army, Navy, and Foreign Service.

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**Record Votes:** One record vote was taken today. (Total—342) Page S12043

**Adjournment:** Senate met at 10:30 a.m., and adjourned at 5:58 p.m., until 10:30 a.m., on Wednesday, November 28, 2001. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S12060.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Mark W. Olson, of Minnesota, and Susan Schmidt Bies, of Tennessee, each to be a Member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, James Gilleran, of California, to be Director of the Office of Thrift Supervision, Department of the Treasury, Allan I. Mendelowitz, of Connecticut, Franz S. Leichter, of New York, and John Thomas Korsmo, of North Dakota, each to be a Director of the Federal Housing Finance Board, and Randall S. Kroszner, of Illinois, to be a Member of the Council of Economic Advisers.

### LAND CONVEYANCE

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on Public Lands and Forests concluded hearings on S. 691, to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to convey certain land in the Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit, Nevada, to the Secretary of the Interior, in trust for the Washoe Indian Tribe of Nevada and California, H.R. 223, to amend the Clear Creek County, Colorado, Public Lands Transfer Act of 1993 to provide additional time for Clear Creek County to dispose of certain lands transferred to the county under the Act, S. 1028, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain parcels of land acquired for the Blunt Reservoir and Pierre Canal Features of the initial stage of the Oahe Unit, James Division, South Dakota, to the Commission of Schools and Public Lands and the Department of Game, Fish, and Parks of the State of South Dakota for the purpose of mitigating lost wildlife habitat, on the condition that the current preferential leaseholders shall have an option to purchase the parcels from the Commission, S. 1451, to provide for the conveyance of certain public land in Clark County, Nevada, for use as a shooting range, and S. 1240, to provide for the acquisition of land and construction of an interagency administrative and visitor facility at the entrance to American Fork Canyon, Utah, after receiving testimony from Senators Reid and Bennett; Representative Udall; Tom Fulton, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management, and Larry Todd, Director of Operations, Bureau of Reclamation, both of the Department of the Interior; and Abigail Kimbell, Acting Associate Deputy Chief for the National Forest System, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture.

### NATIONAL IMMUNIZATION PROGRAM

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* Committee concluded hearings on the National Immunization Program, focusing on the importance of strengthening the public health system to detect and respond to bioterrorist attacks, produce an adequate